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## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 4243**

## [LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cleon H. Turner

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating elections in the Town of Yarmouth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
Demetrius J. Atsalis	Second Barnstable

## The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act regulating elections in the Town of Yarmouth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 404 of the acts of 2006 is hereby repealed.
- 2 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 22A of chapter 55 or section 21C of chapter 59 of the General
- 3 Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen of the town of Yarmouth
- 4 shall, at least 10 days before any election at which a binding or nonbinding question shall be submitted
- 5 solely to the voters of the town, cause to be printed and made available at each polling place: (1) the full
- 6 text of the question; (2)a fair and concise summary of the question, including a 1 sentence statement
- describing the effect of a yes or no vote, prepared by the town counsel of the town or his designee.
- 8 SECTION 3. The board of selectmen of the town of Yarmouth shall cause to be printed and distributed,
- 9 in the manner provided in section 2 the summary and effect of a yes or no vote. All arguments filed with
- or prepared by the board under this act, and the summary prepared under section 2, shall be open to public
- inspection at the office of the town clerk of the town.
- 12 SECTION 4. The official ballot shall include the summary and statements describing the effect of a yes
- or no vote, as provided in clause (2) of section 2.
- SECTION 5. This act shall also apply where the question presented involves a regional district of which
- 15 the town of Yarmouth is a member or involves a joint undertaking by the town of Yarmouth and 1 or
- more cities or towns.
- 17 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.